**Contract for the Dul Hasti Hydel Project**

2014 SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to award the contract for the Dul Hasti Hydel Project to the French firm, C.G.E.E., Alsthom; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the contract?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) The question of award of the contract for the Dul Hasti Hydel Project is still under examination of the Government.

**Proposal to generate Power with Natural Gas in Krishna Godavari Basin**

2015. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI. Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any proposals under Government's consideration to generate power with abundant natural gas available in Krishna Godavari basin; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI). (a) and (b) A 3×33 MW gas-based Power Plant at Narsapur-Razole, based on gas from the Krishna Godavari basin, was sanctioned in February, 1988. Subsequently, the Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board (APSEB) informed the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) of the proposal to locate the power plant at Vijjeswaram near Kovvur, instead of at Narsapur-Razole. The scheme for locating the gas turbine plant at Vijjeswaram was techno-economically approved in February, 1989, subject to environmental/forestry clearance.

The NTPC propose to set up a gas-based power plant of 800 MW capacity at Kakinada, based on gas from the Krishna Godavari basin. The APSEB have sent a Feasibility Report to the CEA for a gas-based power plant of 3×90/100 MW capacity at Vijjeswaram. These proposals could be processed further keeping in view the availability of gas and the power requirements.

**Losses of State Electricity Boards**

2016. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the outstanding losses of various State Electricity Boards as at present;

(b) what remedial measures are proposed to be taken by Government to reduce these losses; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to finance these boards to overcome the above losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI) :(a) The details of outstanding profits / losses of State Electricity Boards as on 31.3.1988 are given in the encolosed Statement (*See* below)

(b) Some of the measures taken to improve the performance of State Electricity Boards are:—

(i) Directions have been issued to State Electricity Boards for capitalisation of interest during construction (IDC), as provided in the Electricity (Supply) Annual Accounts Rules, 1985.

(ii) State Governments have been requested to provide equity support to State Electricity Boards to make them financially viable.

(iii) State Governments are being advised to release rural electrification subsidies to SEBs regularly and adequately.

(iv) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Renovation and Modernisation of thermal power stations has been introduced.

(v) Theft of power has been made a cognizable offence with stringent punishment for the commitment as well as abetment of the offence.

(vi) Introduction of an Incentive Scheme for reduction of transmission and distribution losses.

(vii) Training of Engineers and operation and maintenance personnel of power stations.

(viii) Provision of equity support by State Governments.

(c) No, Sir.

**Statement**

*Details of cumulative surplus / deficit of State Electricity Boards as on 31.3.1988*

| Sl. No. | Name of the State Electricity Boards | Surplus / Deficit (Rs. in crores) |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 169.40 |
| 2. | Bihar | -356.60 |
| 3. | Gujarat | 54.40 |
| 4. | Haryana | -607.80 |
| 5. | Himachal Pradesh | -129.30 |
| 6. | Karnataka | 10.20 |
| 7. | Kerala | 26.80 |
| 8. | Madhya Pradesh | 161.50 |
| 9. | Maharashtra | 48.90 |
| 10. | Orissa | -102.80 |
| 11. | Punjab | -123.60 |
| 12. | Rajasthan | -300.90 |
| 13. | Tamil Nadu | 248.20 |
| 14. | Uttar Pradesh | -516.80 |
| 15. | West Bengal | -271.00 |
| 16. | Assam | -339.90 |
| 17. | Maghalaya | -26.60 |
| | TOTAL | *2055.90 |

NOTE:— (1) Negative figures indicate Loss / Deficit.

(2) IDC capitalised in the Year 1987-88.

(3) The above figures are provisional.

**Supplying Anit-T. B. Drugs to Poor Patients**

2017. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal of supplying anti-T. B. drugs *i.e.* streptomycin, enthambutol, rifampicin and isonex free of cost through the private medical shops on the prescriptions of Private Medical Practitioners for patients belonging to the families below the revised poverty line *i.e.* annual income below Rs. 6,000; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGALRAO): (a) and (b) No such proposal is under consideration with this Ministry.

**Projects proposed to be set up in Kerala during 1989-90**

2018. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of industries and projects which are pending with the Central Government awaiting clearance and what are the details thereof; and